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Storehouse Saco Heath



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Kathy Sylvester makes her way through young stands of maple, pine and hemlock surrounding the woodland trail at Saco Heath Preserve. She passes patches of bunchberry and an assortment of small ferns.

Sections of boardwalk bridge the occasional wet area and the relatively flat trail is easily followed. With the exception of golden-green patches of sphagnum moss which begin to appear with more frequency, little about the trail prepares her for what is to come.

Abruptly, forest gives way to heath. The canopy which filtered sunlight is replaced by the clear blue expanse of open sky. Saco Heath stretches before her, dotted with gnarled pitch pine, lacy tamaracks and white, softly glowing tufts of cottongrass. Just off the boardwalk, clusters of funnel-shaped pitcher plants nestle in mats of vegetation.

Ahead, a mile and a half of boardwalk reaches across one of Maine's most unusual natural communities. Built layer upon layer of peat and plant matter, the heath is a bog raised up over thousands of years.

In the distance, Kathy can see the dark irregular silhouettes of Atlantic white cedar, a species reaching its northern limit in Maine. Overall, this species of cedar is declining throughout its range due to habitat loss and in-

tensive harvesting. Saco Heath is one of the few known sites where Atlantic white cedar occurs in a domed bog ecosystem.

The cedars help make the Saco Heath even more significant ecologically as home to Maine's only known population of the diminutive Hessel's hairstreak butterfly (documented here in 1987). The larvae of this rare butterfly subsist solely on Atlantic white cedar leaves.

On this day, Kathy Sylvester is one of a small group of Conservancy employees inspecting two new acquisitions. Although totaling only 38 acres, the tracts represent the seventh and eighth additions at the site since 1989, and push Conservancy ownership to over 910 acres.

The larger of the two new parcels – a 28-acre tract – was slated for development until the Conservancy stepped in

and acquired it - with the support of the realtor who committed \$5,000 toward the project. The smaller parcel, comprised of forested wetlands, will buffer the heath from development and incompatible uses.

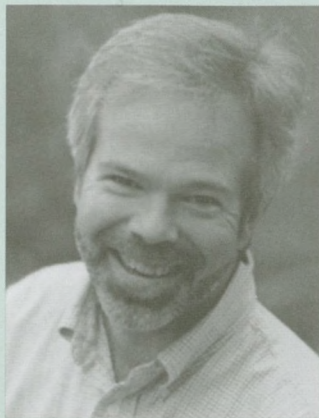
For Kathy Sylvester and the hundreds of visitors to Saco Heath each year, the preserve offers a quiet respite just minutes from downtown Saco. It is open year-round to the public for a variety of low-impact recreational pursuits (see directions on page two).

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The Director's Column

by Kent W. Wommack



On a Sunday afternoon this past winter, I hiked along the shores of Merrymeeting Bay. I chose a small wooded trail through a forested tract managed by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

On the way to the shore, I spotted a series of wild turkey tracks running along a trailside stream. At the shore, stretches of wild rice and cordgrass were broken by a series of small saltmarsh pools. The inlet bore a coat of ice. Otter tracks were clearly visible in the dusting of snow, as was a broad bare swath that showed where the otter had slid playfully along.

Just as I approached a small rock outcrop, four black ducks skimmed over the shallow waters like dark shadows. I watched them fly southward towards Chopp's Point, where the waters of Merrymeeting Bay sweep around Lines Island and drain into the lower Kennebec River, and wondered how far they'd go before taking refuge in one of the many small, protected coves along the Bay.

Glancing back for one last look before I returned to the trailhead, I picked out a bald eagle soaring over the Bay.

My morning along Merrymeeting Bay said a lot about living in Maine: the quality of life the state affords and the opportunities to do things like hike, fish, hunt, canoe or ski at some truly spectacular places. I took a moment to ap-

preciate the vital work staff at the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife perform in protecting wildlife, not only deer and moose but eagles, otters and even rare drag-

onflies. Our outdoor life would be poorer if not for their diligence.

Over the years, as we've come to depend ever more on the Department for a wide variety of important services, it has come to depend heavily on income from hunting and fishing fees. It has had to. In Maine, the Department's share of general fund tax dollars has been extremely small.

That's not right. The majority of us take advantage of our wildlife habitats for purposes unrelated to hunting and fishing; 95 percent of our wildlife is neither hunted nor fished and the Department is responsible for protecting it all.

This imbalance is particularly relevant now with income from fees and

licenses falling. As hunting and fishing declines, other uses of our fish and wildlife habitats are growing. From bird watching to hiking to recreational boating to horseback riding to snowmobiling to leaf peeping, the public is demanding more services and placing more pressure on the Department.

I believe we are all willing to share the costs because if our wildlife declines, the sportsmen and women will not be alone in mourning losses to Maine's native plants and animals. It's time for all of us to contribute. If we are to continue to enjoy places like Merrymeeting Bay, we must ensure the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has the support it needs to guarantee that future generations will be able to experience Maine's outstanding wildlife areas, just as we have.

During this past legislative session, our Legislature and Governor have taken initial steps to address the Department's chronic financial concerns. By committing to increases in general fund appropriations, they took an important first step. But it will need to be followed by increased funding year by year.



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Visiting Saco Heath

To reach the Saco Heath parking area: From the Maine Turnpike, take exit 5. Take the first right after the toll booth and then a left onto Industrial Park Road. Take a right on Route 112 (Buxton Road). The parking lot is about two miles on the right - watch carefully because it is screened by a border of trees. From Route 1 in Saco, follow Route 112 west approximately five miles to parking area. Look for self-guiding trail map at the trailhead.

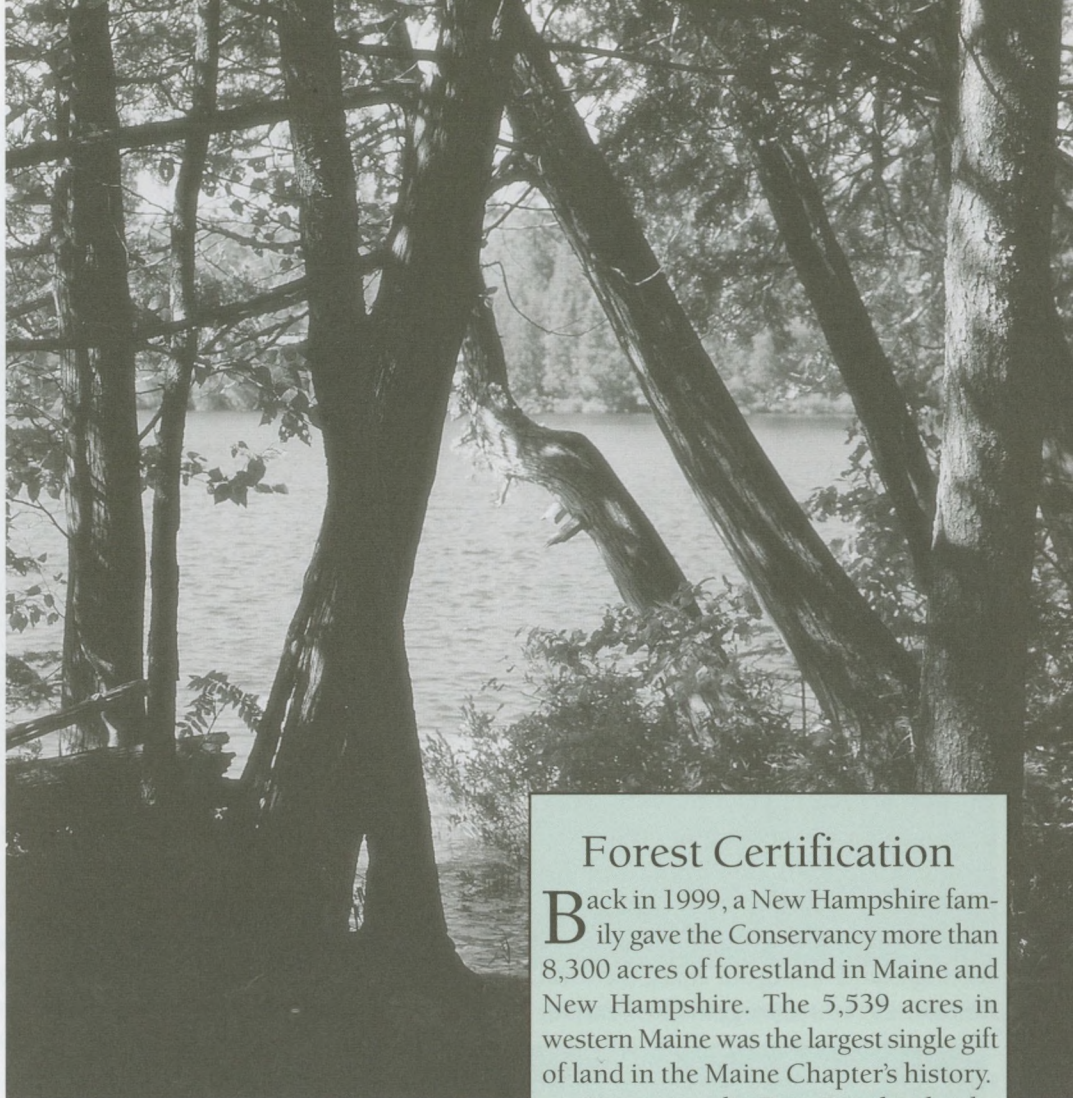
Peer Review for Forest Challenges

Josh Royte and Kyle Stockwell pour over brightly colored maps. Mosaics of reds, greens, yellows and blues segment forests along the St. John River into tree species, their distribution, condition and age, and into topography, hydrology and soil types.

Royte, a conservation planner for the Conservancy in Maine, and Stockwell, assistant director for science and stewardship, prepare for a presentation to Nature Conservancy ecologists, planners and partners from across the country. They have come to Maine to hear how the Conservancy will manage non-reserve lands along the St. John River.

As one of three high-priority sites in The Nature Conservancy's Forest Management Network, Maine's conservation strategy for the St. John River faces stiff peer-review. The St. John River forests join a site in Kona, Hawaii and another in the Baraboo Hills of Wisconsin as focus areas.

At first glance, these landscapes couldn't be more different. One features fast-growing hardwoods on the lush slopes of Hawaii's largest island. Another is dominated by the oak/hickory forests of southern Wisconsin. The third, in the remote reaches of northern Maine, is home to boreal spruce/fir forests and the largest free-flowing river east of the Mississippi.



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But at each site Conservancy staff are working to restore and enhance the landscape. At Kona, this means wrestling with invasive species issues that call for removal of forest blocks in favor of native grasslands. For the Baraboo Hills, it's reaching out to landowners with sustainable forest management tools and educating partners about the benefits of prescribed fire. And, along the banks of the St. John, it means implementing riparian standards that will protect streams and wetlands.

The peer-review process has encouraged the use of new tools to protect the St. John River, such as a sophisticated computer-based model that serves as something of a crystal ball, enabling staff to look 100 years into the future and test the limits of our conservation strategies.

"Peer-review makes us probe more deeply into our site," Royte says. "Our colleagues challenge us to look at our assumptions in new ways so that we don't overlook the best option."

Forest Certification

Back in 1999, a New Hampshire family gave the Conservancy more than 8,300 acres of forestland in Maine and New Hampshire. The 5,539 acres in western Maine was the largest single gift of land in the Maine Chapter's history.

Known as the Bear Paw lands, the property is separated into 13 individual tracts which offer wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities for area residents. The donors suggested that the Conservancy might continue to manage the acreage for timber, as they had done for generations, as a way to explore the challenges of sustainable forestry first hand.

After a thorough ecological inventory determined that careful harvest operations would not impinge on sensitive areas within the acreage, the Conservancy hired Two Trees Forestry to manage the Bear Paw lands under the certification guidelines of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC). Formed in 1993, FSC is a leading third-party forest certification program designed to promote sustainable forestry.

Enrolling the Bear Paw lands under the standards of FSC enables the Conservancy to test this approach to sustainable forestry and explore its viability both ecologically and economically.

Land for Maine's Future

Program's Progress

From Mount Kineo rising above Moosehead Lake to the rare sandplain grasslands spreading across the Kennebunk Plains; and from the miles of shoreline wilderness surrounding Nahmakanta Lake to the rugged seabird nesting islands along our coast, the Land for Maine's Future program has been in-

strumental in protecting some of Maine's most treasured natural resources. And that was all in its first decade.

In 1999, Maine voters left no question about their continued support for land conservation program as they over-

whelmingly passed a \$50 million bond to extend the state's public lands program. The measure carried every Maine county and over 80 percent of Maine towns. By the time the polls closed, nearly 70 percent of voters approved the land bond.

Since gaining this vote of confidence, the Land for Maine's Future Board has conducted two rounds of grant awards, allocating more than \$20 million. When these projects are completed, some 200,000 acres of Maine forestland, mountain peaks, lakes, rivers and farmland will be protected. The funding will have maintained and enhanced public access to some of our best waterways like the Merrymeeting Bay and the lower Kennebec River, the St. Croix River and the Machias River. Traditional uses like hunting, fishing, snowmobiling and hiking on these lands will continue as they have for generations.

Over time, the program has grown from its original emphasis on projects with high-quality recreational or ecological values – like the Kennebunk Plains – to include the protection of working landscapes. For example, the Conservancy's 8,600-acre Leavitt Forest Plantation project blends sustainable forestry with public access, prevents development and ensures habitat for moose, bear, wild tur-



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key and a handful of rare plant species in the town of Parsonsfield.

Moreover, the program has increasingly looked to projects that include strong, active support from the local community. Leavitt, again, is a shining example. Throughout the protection efforts, local community leaders have served as advocates and fundraisers. And community leaders help ensure the conservation easement meets both the town's ecological and economic needs.

In the most recent round of funding, the Land for Maine's Future Board awarded grants to four projects put forth by the Conservancy and its partners:

Machias River – From Fifth Machias Lake to the sea, the Machias River stretches for nearly 80 miles, providing breathtaking backcountry adventure. Surrounding this are thousands of acres of wildlife habitat embedded in productively managed timberlands. Here Atlantic salmon return to spawning and rearing grounds unsurpassed in the United States. A \$2.8 million grant will help permanently conserve this natural treasure with a conservation easement, dovetailing public access and habitat protection with sustainable forest management.

Boston Hills – A \$200,000 grant will help purchase a conservation easement on 1,440 acres in the town of Denmark. The easement, which will protect six miles of the Saco River, ensure the continuation of sustainable forest management and guarantee public access for hiking, hunting, fishing and snowmobiling.

The Leavitt Plantation – Following on the heels of a \$1 million grant award in 2000, the Board provided an additional \$165,000 award to help purchase a conservation easement on the 8,600-acre property in the northern York County community of Parsonsfield.

The Kennebec Estuary – In an effort to protect large, unfragmented tracts of coastline, high-quality wetlands and intertidal areas (critical to the health of populations of waterfowl, waterbirds, eagles, osprey, and wide ranging mam-

mals such as fisher, moose and bobcat), the Maine Wetlands Protection Coalition, of which the Conservancy is a partner, received a \$1 million grant.

Add to these the many other fine projects put forth by state agencies, com-

munities and land trusts and one can take considerable pride in the State's commitment to conserving its best natural lands for future generations.



Opposite page top, the Saco River at Boston Hills; opposite page below, Little River Marsh in the lower Kennebec Estuary; above, the Machias River; left, Leavitt Forest Plantation in Parsonsfield.



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Beyond Our Borders

Maine to Yucatan

Each fall, as temperatures drop in Maine, many of our bird species migrate thousands of miles south to seek refuge in the tropical climate of Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula. Whether they return in the spring depends on how well they fare there.

To honor our mission of protecting the health of plants and animals globally, the Maine Chapter has reached out to Amigos de Sian Ka'an, a Cancun-based conservation partner. With help from Maine and the Conservancy's worldwide program, Amigos recently purchased Pez Maya, a 64-acre undeveloped slice of the Yucatan Peninsula. Though small, Pez Maya serves as the gateway to 1.6 million-acre wilderness in southern Mexico known as Sian Ka'an Biosphere Reserve.



The acquisition represents the first major private land acquisition by a conservation organization in Mexico's history. Pez Maya is a breeding ground for least terns, osprey, crocodile, manatee,

and loggerhead and green sea turtles. Nourished by mangrove swamps, the coastal waters off Pez Maya wash over one of the world's most pristine coral formations and are renowned for their

On Site

Sian Ka'an Biosphere Reserve

With Alyson Courtemanch

Before I left Mexico to return to the United States, Nacho, one of my friends, told me, "whenever you are feeling lonely, just close your eyes and remember the warm breeze of Sian Ka'an on your skin."

After spending last summer living in the small town of Carrillo Puerto on the Yucatan Peninsula, I found my perspective of the world had changed. I went to Mexico and lived and worked with a group called Amigos de Sian Ka'an that manages a biosphere reserve of 1.6 million acres on the Yucatan Peninsula. Amigos de Sian Ka'an was formed in 1986 after the Mexican government offered up the land of Sian Ka'an to any group willing to take on the responsibility of managing it.

Recently, that biosphere has grown in size and become more secure thanks to the close relationship that Amigos de Sian Ka'an has formed with the Maine Chapter of The Nature Conservancy.

The Amigos de Sian Ka'an has offices in both Cancun and Carrillo Puerto where staff and students study the bio-

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sphere ecosystems, integrate its management into the lives of local Mayan people, and conduct tours for visiting tourists. My job was to assist two Mexican biologists with crocodile research.

This particular research with crocodiles has been an ongoing project for the past ten years. It entails trekking

through the savanna grass of Sian Ka'an to find crocodile nests by day, spending nights capturing crocodiles from the lagoons for marking and measurement, and then compiling the data to create a computerized map that illustrates all of the geographic points where the crocodiles have been captured.

Each point on the map also details data from each capture such as the crocodile's species, gender, size, age, and health. All of this information helps the biologists determine which areas of the reserve are especially important to protect in order to keep the crocodile populations thriving - while also keeping the reserve available for people to use. To experience what this research is like, Amigos offers the opportunity for tourists to accompany the biologists at night to capture crocodiles.

Besides the crocodile research, there is also research being conducted with sea turtles, bats, and coral reefs in the

abundance of such sport fish as tarpon, bonefish, snook and permit.

Boasting two miles of Caribbean coastline and Mexico's largest coastal wetland, Pez Maya's tropical forests and more than 1,200 plant species provide habitat for more than 80 species of migratory birds native to Maine, including osprey and belted kingfisher.

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This purchase establishes a barrier between the bioserve and hotel development that is encroaching south from Cancun at a rapid pace. Pez Maya's shoreline had been threatened by subdivision into as many as 60 parcels. Instead, it now links the 1.6 million-acre Sian Ka'an Biosphere Reserve with the sea - for the first time.

Conservancy staff and trustees have been working with Amigos de Sian

reserve. As much as for the flora and fauna, however, Amigos de Sian Ka'an is equally interested in how to use the bioserve to benefit the native Mayan people.

While the Amigos has chosen to close some areas of the reserve to humans, they believe that keeping some areas open to human access is extremely important for the survival of this environment in the future. Ecotourism projects that include Mayan people in the management of Sian Ka'an have been very successful. Local guides provide kayak and birding tours for example, and the Amigos has even employed a former crocodile poacher as their boat captain for research and tours of the lagoons.

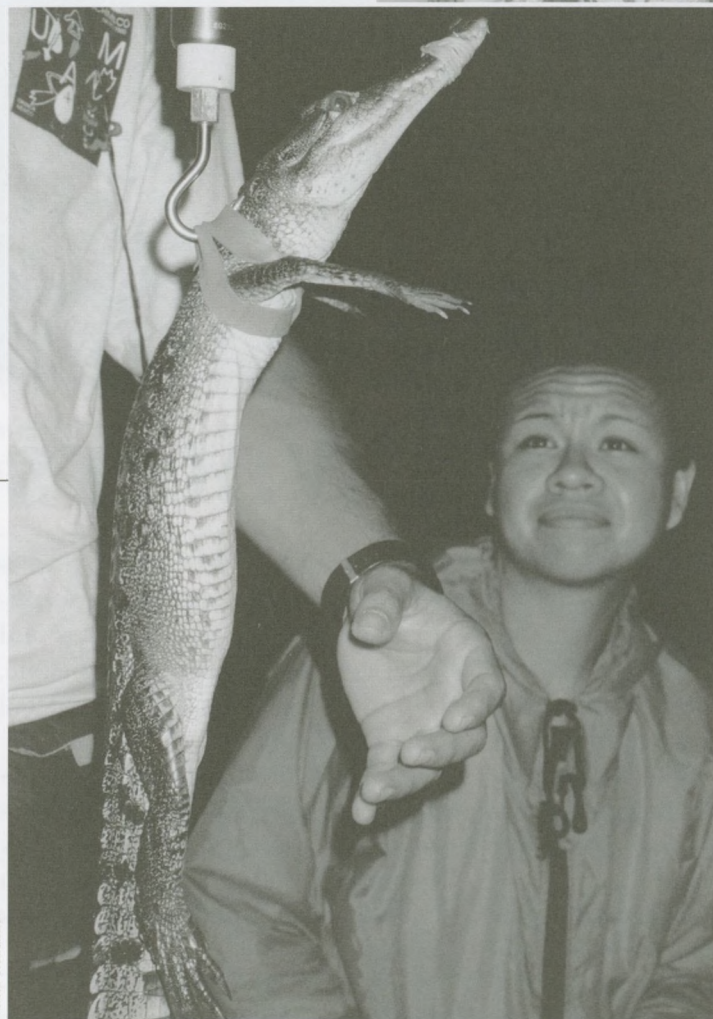
Amigos de Sian Ka'an has been able to manage the Sian Ka'an biosphere reserve by developing a plan that integrates scientific research, ecotourism projects with the Mayan community, and collaborative participation with groups such as

Ka'an to protect this fragile strip of coastline for a decade, providing both technical and financial support, committing \$325,000 toward the \$1.8 million project.

In return, we have learned a great deal about how Amigos works with local fishermen on strategies to protect the coastal barrier reef of Sian Ka'an. The efforts have led local people to a deeper appreciation of the reef as both an economic and ecological resource.



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Weighing In On Conservation

Some of our partners with Amigos de Sian Ka'an above - and a young crocodile, left, looking deceptively patient as researchers take measurements before returning him to the wild.

The Nature Conservancy. The Nature Conservancy continues to play an important role in the management and survival of Sian Ka'an. For now, without that continued involvement, it would be difficult for Amigos to preserve this important, natural piece of Mexico.

For more information on how to experience the Sian Ka'an Bioserve and possibly even participate in a crocodile research hunt, go to:
www.cancun.com/siankaan/

Alyson Courtemanch is presently a student at St. Lawrence University.



Mountain Waters

For more than more than 150 years, the Bell Marsh region has supplied drinking water to York County communities around Mount Agamenticus. The small ponds, pocket wetlands, rich hardwood forests and meandering streams that characterize the region also provide habitat for amphibians, dragonflies, waterfowl and wide-ranging species like bobcat, moose, and fisher.

Concerned with safeguarding the water quality and supply, the region's water districts began protecting land around Bell Marsh in 1896. It began with the purchase of a small tract around Chase Pond. Since then, the Kittery and York Water Districts have continued to build on the Chase Pond acquisition, pulling together forestland, fields, and wetlands.

Now, one hundred and six years after the original purchase, the Kittery Water District continues to conserve land around Bell Marsh. In March, it acquired two tracts totaling some 14 acres

of woodlands near Scituate Pond adjacent to the nearly 2,900 acres of conservation land it currently owns and manages. Over that same period of time, the York Water District has protected some 1,600 acres.

The land protection efforts of the water districts have done more than protect the region's water quality. They have helped establish the largest swath of conservation land in southern York County.

In fact, the state Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, community leaders and land trusts have protected an added 3,500 acres to the water districts land since 1978 when the town of York rejected a massive subdivision plan by acquiring the summit of Mount Agamenticus.

The overlap of interests between the water districts and the Mount Agamenticus Challenge and the state Department of Inland Fisheries and Wild-

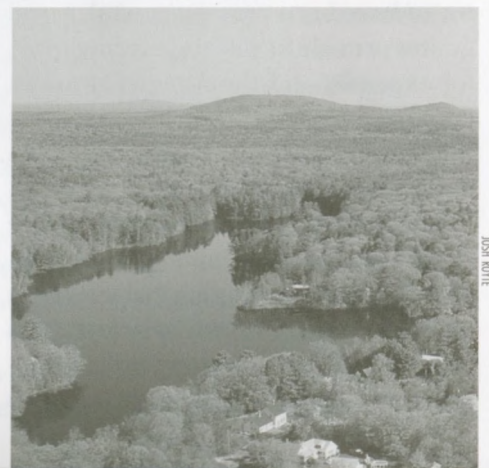
life has helped established more than 8,000 acres of conservation land that meets the needs of both the local community and native plants and animals.

Land Protection Pace Quickens

One of the greatest challenges at Mount Agamenticus is patching together large tracts of unfragmented forest ownership from the many small parcels now on tax maps. With the acquisition of 11 separate parcels in the last eight months (totaling some 325 acres), the Mount Agamenticus Challenge is making significant steps toward clearing that hurdle.

The parcels range in size. The largest is a 105-acre parcel in South Berwick just west of Mount Agamenticus. Supported with funding from the Land for Maine's Future program and the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund, the property abuts the state-owned Mount Agamenticus Wildlife Management Area and includes more than 1,300 feet of frontage on Chicks Brook and small pocket wetlands - valuable to breeding turtles, frogs and salamanders. The smallest parcel is a 10-acre tract containing extensive wetlands and vernal pools, which serve as prime habitat for amphibians and dragonflies.

The acreage features a mix of vernal pools, wetlands, streams, and mature forests which provide habitat for wide-ranging animals such as moose, wild turkey and bobcat, as well as two rare turtle species and a globally-rare dragonfly, the ringed bog hunter. The lands will be open to the public for hiking, bird watching, cross county skiing, hunting, fishing and other recreational uses.



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Individuals who have named The Nature Conservancy as beneficiaries of their wills, trusts, retirement plans (401k, etc.) and/or insurance policies have qualified for membership in the Legacy Club.

The Legacy Club was created to honor Conservancy supporters who have made provision for The Nature Conservancy in their estate plans or through irrevocable gifts that provide the donor with income for life.

We particularly value individuals who have made such thoughtful and generous long-term commitments to land conservation. However, our best estimate is that we know only 10% of the individuals who have qualified for the Legacy Club. We'd like to thank and honor the other 90% as well...and to make sure your legacy gift is ultimately applied where you want it to go.

Benefits of Legacy Club membership include invitation-only field trips (both domestic and international), special reports from our worldwide headquarters, recognition in Conservancy publications (unless you prefer anonymity), and a handsome Legacy Club certificate signed by Conservancy president Steve McCormick.

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River Docents

We're planning to train River Docents to provide basic conservation and river-use education to recreational users on the upper Saco River. Based out of the Conservancy's Saco River Project office in Fryeburg, the Docents will heighten community awareness about the natural values of the Saco River's floodplain ecosystem while advising recreational users on ways to minimize their impact on river resources.

Work hours and tasks will vary based on volunteer skills and program needs. Volunteers should be willing to work with the general public and have transportation to the Project Office and presentation sites between Fryeburg and Brownfield. The bulk of the public education work will be carried out on weekends through the summer, May through September. The greatest need will be on Friday evenings, Saturday and Sunday mornings and afternoons, and on the occasional Monday holiday. If you would like to help protect the resources of the upper Saco River, please contact Stefan J. Jackson, Saco River Project Director at 207-935-9303 or by e-mail: sjackson@tnc.org.

Conservation Assistant

We're looking for someone ready to commit a day a week from June through August to act as field and office assistant to Conservancy conservation staff. Tasks might include gathering tract data from town offices, calling landowners to request permission to visit land, assisting in field surveys, gathering information from the internet, libraries and government agencies. We're looking for someone who is attentive to detail, organized, diplomatic, physically fit and able to work long hours in field, use a compass, topographical maps and air photos to orient self in field - and accurately record information collected. Some knowledge of Maine geography, natural history and taxonomic Latin would be helpful but not necessary. If interested please contact Barbara Vickery at bvickery@tnc.org



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Preserve Stewards

Preserve Stewards are needed immediately for Mark Island in West Penobscot Bay, Mt. Tom in Fryeburg, and the Bull Ring Preserve in Denmark. Please contact Jeanne Desjardins at 729-5181 x208 for more information.

Invasive Weed Inventory Specialists

We are working with partners to conduct an invasive weed inventory around Merrymeeting Bay and the lower Kennebec River. The project will involve site visits to priority wetlands to document invasive species as a first step in developing a restoration plan for the area. Volunteer training will take place in late spring and early summer and field inventories will begin in August. If you are interested in contributing a day or two of field work, please contact Nancy Sferra at 729-5181 x212.

We are looking for the following items that may be gathering dust in your garage:

- ✓ 14' or 16' inflatable boat (with hard bottom) & outboard
- ✓ 4-wheel drive pick-up truck
- ✓ come-along (pulley)
- ✓ pruner's saw (extendable)

If you can donate one of these items please call 207-729-5181. Thanks.

Annual Meeting September 14, 2002

This year, the Maine Chapter of The Nature Conservancy will hold our Annual Meeting at Camp Winona in Bridgton. Among other activities, this will include our annual Business Meeting and election of new Board of Trustees members and officers. We will post nominations for these positions on the Maine area our web site Nature.org by July 14. If you would like us to send you the nominations at that time, please contact Mason Morfit at 207-729-5181 ext. 227.

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Sherry Huber Receives Down East Magazine's 2002 Environmental Award



Within Maine's conservation and environmental advocacy

community, Sherry Huber has long held a special place - in fact many special places. Over the course of 40 years, she has served on more boards, committees and task forces than one could count. She has set strategy, led campaigns, raised dollars, guided countless staffers - all the while providing the kind of plain spoken common sense much too rare today. So when *Down East Magazine* named Sherry Huber recipient of its Environmental Award, a lot of organizations felt a certain proprietary pride. The Conservancy's Maine Chapter has been among the most fortunate: Sherry has contributed more than 15 years as a trustee holding a variety of offices (including chairman during the campaign to acquire Big Reed Forest Reserve). When she had accumulated her first ten years, the bylaws required a hiatus, which she promptly filled by joining the Conservancy's international Board of Governors. Only when that term expired were we able to enlist her on our Maine board again, just in time to help us raise funds for the St. John River and much more. She continues as member of the Conservancy's President's Conservation Council and the Compatible Ventures Group Advisory Board and is a director of our sister organization NatureServe, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing scientific knowledge and tools for conservation action. In the *Down East* profile of Sherry Huber, Executive Director Kent Wommack describes her as smart, determined and direct. "She's always willing to step up to the job, whatever it is, to protect the Maine environment." Today, this former state legislator is Executive Director of the Maine TREE Foundation, a nonprofit environmental education organization with a focus on forest education. And she serves as a director of the Natural Resources Council of Maine, the Forest Society of Maine, the Maine Natural Areas Advisory Board and of the Yale School of Forestry Environmental Studies Leadership Council.

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